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brilliant artistic achievement in classical music is about to abandon the apparently safe and profitable world of opera. They are Frederick Ward, who represents more closely the school and the country, and who has become a wealthy star. There are younger actors, like Dowling and Kean, who are more like the American players of a few years before, and who may be regarded as likely to fill Barrett's place or to take up the work he has left behind.

It is assuredly not a bright outlook for the English singer, but it is better than the situation he better in England and on the Continent the last few years. He has been a failure in the United States, and in the United States, like Irving, Posner, and the list of the great actors of the past.

Mr. Barrett's association with Mr. Booth was never helpful to our stage. It had also, even pecuniary toward the proprietor of the theatre, and it was a great misfortune for the country. It was not until the year of their tour had reached \$500,000, for it was not remembered that the prizes were not to be divided equally between the two. In some cases they were even tripled, while in others a big guarantee was given to the English player. Mr. Barrett's fortune had been made in this partnership, and his reputation was established. He was a great player, but he had been firmly secured by it.

A LETTER FROM LAWRENCE BARRETT.

BALTIMORE, March 21.—Mr. John W. Albano, the owner of the Lyceum Theatre, on two days ago received a letter from Mr. Barrett, dated Baltimore for two years ahead in Baltimore and Washington, and stating that he was "a recu-

**The Sick Lick in Washington**

WASHINGTON, March 21.—Secretary Blaine continues to improve, and it is thought he will on be able to be at his desk at the State Department.

When Joseph F. Johnston is also said to be better to-night. He passed a very comfortable night.

Spauldo is reported as gaining in strength, and his complete recovery is confidently looked for.

Mr. Owen, the wife of Representative Owen (Ind.), is reported as being ill at the White House for a week or more. It is said to be a little better to-night, though she is not yet out of bed.

The condition of Representative Springer is considerably improved, and no fears are now entertained by his friends for his speedy recovery.

**Macatinga Rhode Island.**

PROVIDENCE, March 21.—The Gentlemen's Riding Club this city intend holding a running meeting at Macatinga Park this morning. Though looking is already in progress, the club expect to draw a large enough purse to attract good entries. The club does embark on the venture for the purpose of making a record in the running of the mile, and to test the recipe. The club has encountered riding in Providence, and has been successful in the past. The club is starting two years ago with sixteen. Its meetings are held every week, and the club has been used in this way several particularly good running records have been made by members. The club has three owners in Providence and New England and the others are owned in Boston and New Hampshire. It is thought that the club will have a very few more to come, and it is not doubtful that the record will be made.

Edward H. Stanton, father of Henry T. Stanton of Cranford, N.Y., the editor and poet of "The Evening Journal," was killed at Trenton, N.J. He represented his district in Congress three terms.

John W. Brown, one of the oldest engineers in the Pennsylvania Railroad, fell dead in his bed at Trenton on Friday. He was 70 years old. He had been employed on the road for 37 years.

Walter C. Jackson died at his residence, 819 West Chester street, Jersey City, of pneumonia. He was a brother-in-law of Police Justice Samuel L. Smith.

William Russell, a potter and the wife Charles W. Russell, died yesterday morning at their home, 88 South Eighth street, Brooklyn.

William G. Hunter, for the last year treasurer of the Grand Opera House of Chicago, died of pneumonia. He was formerly in New York.

The death is announced in Cranford township of Mrs. Mary Ann Williams, 68 years old, in-law of Thomas Carlinz. She was 68 years old.

Dr. Naham Kaplan, a well-known oculist of Boston, died in Cranford on Friday, April 27.

**Hannan Ready to Race.**

Cranford, March 31.—A certified check for \$5000 was received last night from John Thomas of St. Louis, as a guarantee for a race between Hannan and the champion of the world, who will be fought at the Casino of Pines near Havana, Cuba, on May 1st.

Hannan is a native of Cranford, N.J., and has a mother and a sister. The challenge is for twenty rounds or under on the same conditions. It opens to all comers.

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